National Commission on inter-state river water disputes

617. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed to constitute a National Commission on inter-State river water disputes to evolve a uniform procedure and mechanism to resolve them; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Decrease in the ground water level

618. SHRIMATI SARLAMAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ground water level throughout the country is going down for decades;

(b) if so, the state-wise details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken/propose to take any action to arrest the further decrease in the water level; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BUOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) The long-term observations made by the Central Ground Water Board have shown a situation of fall in the level of ground water in various parts of the country. The names of the districts having pockets where fall in the ground water level for more man 4 metre (1981 -2000) has been observed in different States is given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) Water being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments tQ*plan, finance and execute schemes for augmenting water resources. Government of India is also promoting rainwater harvesting through Watershed Management Programme, artificial recharge of ground water and rooftop rain water harvesting under various schemes. Various measures as initiated by the Central Government to arrest decline in ground water and to harness it are indicated below:

(i) Constitution of Central Ground Water Authority under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for regulation and control of ground water management and development.

(ii) Circulation of a Model Bill to all the State/Union Territories to enable them to enact suitable legislation for regulation and control of ground water development.

(iii) Circulation of Manual on artificial recharge of ground water to the States/Union Territories to enable them to formulate area specific artificial recharge schemes to check the declining trend in ground water levels.

(iv) Implementation of-pilot Central Sector Scheme on 'Studies on Artificial Recharge of Ground Water' in the country at an estimated cost of Rs. 25.00 crore. Recharging wells and rain water harvesting are integral part of this scheme. The results of the scheme have been found to be very encouraging.

Statement

Name of the State/UT/District having pockets with fall in ground water level of more than 4 metre (1981-2000)

State/UT	District
Andhra Pradesh	Adilabad, ananthapur, Chittoor, Cuddapah, East Godavari, Guntur, Hyderabad, Karimnagar, Khammam, Krishna, Kurhool, Mahabubnagar, Medak, Nalgonda, Nellore, Nizamabad, Prakasam, Rangareddi, Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Warangal, West Godavari.
Bihar (including Jharkhand)	Dhanbad, Purb Singhbhum, Darbhanaga
Chhattisgarh	Bastar, Bilaspur, Durg, Raigarh, Raipur, Rajnandgaon, Satna Sidhi.
Gujarat	Ahmedabad, Amreli, Banaskantha, Bharuch, Bhavnagar, Jamnagar, Junagadh, Kheda, Kutch, Mehsana, Rajkot, Surat, Surendranagar.

State/UT	District
Haryana	Ambala, Bhiwani, Faridabad, Gurgaon, Hisar, Jind, Kaithal, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Mahendergarh, Panipat, Rewari, Rohtak, Sonepat, Yamunanagar.
Kamataka	Bangalore (Rural), Bellary, Belgaum, Bidar, Bagalkot, Bijapur, Chitradurga, Devangiri, Dharwar, Gadag, Gulbarga, Haveri, Hassan, Kolar, Mysore, Chamarajanagar, Raichur, Shimoga, Kapol, Tumkur, Uttara Kannada.
Madhya Pradesh	Betul, Bhind, Chhatarpur, Chhindwara, Damoh, Datia, Dewas, Dhar, Guna, Gwalior, Indore, Jabalpur, Kami, Khandawa, Khargone, Mandsaur, Morena Narsingpur, Neemuch, Panna, Raisen, Raigarh, Ratlam, Sagar, Sehore, Shajapur, Shivpuri, Ujjain, Vidisha.
Maharashtra	Ahmednagar, Akola, Beed, Bombay, Dhule, Gadchiroli, Kolhapur, Nanded, Nashik, Osmanabad, Amravati, Aurangabad, Bhandara, Buldhana, Chandrapur, Jalgaon, Jalna, Latur, Nagpur, Parbhani, Pune, Ratnagiri, Sangli, Sindhudurg, Thane, Satara, Solapur, Wardha, Yavatmal
Orissa	Angul, Balasore, Bargarh, Bolangir, Dhenkanal, Gujapati, Ganjam, Jajpur, Kalahandi, Keonjhar, Khurda, Koraput, Malkangiri, Mayurbhanja, Nawapara, Nawarangpur, Sundargarh, Suvamapur.
Punjab	Amritsar, Bathinda, Fatehgarh, Firozepur, Jalandhar, Kapurthala, Ludhiana, Moga, Nawan Shehar, Patiala, Ropar, Sangrur.
Rajasthan	Ajmer, Alwar, Bhilwara, Dungarpur, Ganganagar, Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Jhalawar, Jhunjhunu, Jodhpur, Nagaur, Pali, Rajsamand, Sikar, Udaipur.

State/UT	District
Tamil Nadu	Coimbatore, Cuddalore, Dharmapuri, Kancheepuram, Kanyakumari, Madras, Pudukottai, Sivagangai, Taajavur, Theni, Tirunelveli, Thiruvallur, Tiruvannamalai, Thiruvarur, Tuticorin.
Uttar Pradesh (including Uttaranchal)	Agra, Aligarh, Allahabad, Budaun, Bijnor, Bulandshahr, Etah, Etawah, Farrukhabad, Fatehpur, Ghaziabad, Hardoi, Kanpur, Lucknow, Mathura, Meerut, Moradabad, Rai Bareli, Saharanpur, Unnao.
West Bengal	Bankura, Bardhaman, Midnapur, N-24 Parganas, Purulia.
NCT Of Delhi	Mehrauli Najafgarh and City block.
Pondi cherry	Pondicherry

Irrigation projects in Gujarat

619. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state;

(a) whether irrigation projects are being constructed in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details of foreign agencies funding the projects; and

(c) the progress made in completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Presently 4 major, 37 medium and 10 Extension Renovation and Modernisation (ERM) irrigation Projects are under implementation in the State of Gujarat. In addition, installation of "Hydroplus Fusegate System' on Eight ungated schemes with French assistance of FF (French Francs) 34.74 million is also under implementation.

(c) Completion of a project depends upon various factors such as its size, availability of land, geological conditions, etc. Equally important is allocation of funds to the project by the State Government as per their priority.